

Remarks

In the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-19, 21-48, and 51-63. Claims 20, 49, and 50 were rejected. In the interest of expediting allowance, claims 20, 49, and 50 are cancelled and will be pursued in a separate continuation application. Thus, only the claims allowed in the Office Action remain. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims.

Request For Interview

If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney prior to issuance of the next Office Action in order to arrange a telephonic interview.

This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

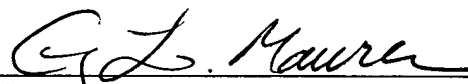
Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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